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Scope of Research

Novel inorganic materials that have new, useful or exotic features such as superconductivity, ferromagnetism and quantum spin ground state are synthesized by novel methods. Recent topics are:

- High- T_c superconducting copper oxides with higher T_c or J_c .
- Perovskite-based compounds with unusual magnetic and electronic properties.
- Low-dimensional spin system showing dramatic quantum effects.

Research Activities (Year 2003)

Presentations

Ligand Holes: SrFeO_3 and $(\text{Ca}, \text{Na})_2\text{CuO}_2\text{Cl}_2$, Takano M, International Workshop on Strongly Correlated Transition Metal Compounds, 4 - 7, August.

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Blue-Light Emission from SrTiO₃

Blue-light emission was observed from SrTiO₃ single crystal with oxygen deficiencies caused by Ar⁺ ion beam irradiation. Emission intensity increased with the increase of Ar⁺ irradiation time. New electronic state (E=2.8eV) is generated by the Ar⁺ irradiation. Light emission of SrTiO₃ might be caused by the excitonic mechanism. Light emission devices with short wave length and high power using Ti³⁺ containing perovskite are expected in the future.



Figure 1. Cathode luminescence of SrTiO₃.

Cubic FePt nanoparticles

Colloidal nanoparticles are promising candidates in a wide range of technological applications and have been the subject of numerous works. Although synthetic works have focused on the preparation of monodisperse spherical nanoparticles with a controlled size, physical and chemical properties are mostly dependent not only on size but also on shape. We have succeeded in synthesizing monodisperse FePt nanoparticles with a *cubic* shape for the first time based on a simple organic-phase reaction. 2-D array of the present cubic nanoparticles can be a promising candidate for a "bit per particle" data storage media.

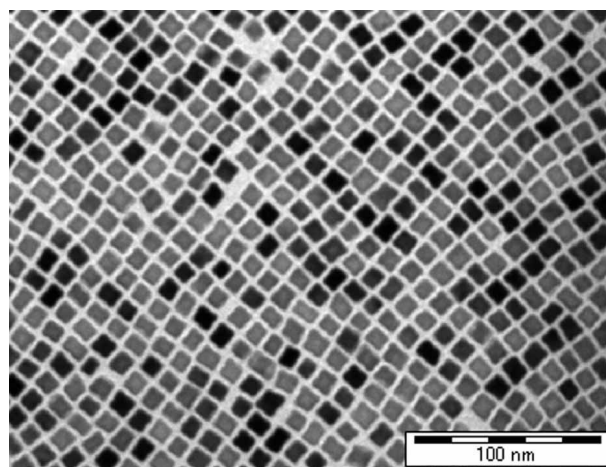


Figure 2. FePt nanoparticles with a cubic shape.

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Azuma M, Exploration of photo-functions in strongly correlated electron systems of transition metal oxides, PRESTO, 1 December 2001 - 31 November 2004.

Awards

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Ishiwata S, The ICR Award for Students, High Pressure Synthesis and Crystal Structure of Perovskite BiNiO₃, and Suppression of A-site Charge Disproportionation by La-substitution, ICR, 5 December 2003.